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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015

RE SCR 113 / SR 64

PERSON TESTIFYING: JOAN LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair Ron Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports SCR113 / SR 64** requesting the "Board of Education to televise or make available online its meetings.

The HSTA believes that an active, working relationship with the Board of Education will help HSTA members to function effectively to protect our rights and interests and help advocate for better policies that affect public education.

HSTA appreciates the Legislatures' recognition of the difficulty of attending, participating or viewing these important meetings due to the time of day in which they are held. This request would not only make it possible for our teachers to view the proceedings on non-school time it would also make it possible to bring the meetings into the classroom as classrooms are technologically upgraded.

HSTA **supports SCR113 / SR64.**